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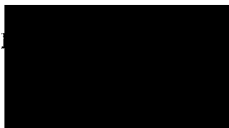
1. A laborer employed in both barracks on 12 May 1950 said that the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne, Potsdam, were occupied by AAA units, allegedly equipped with 88 and 37-mm guns.
2. About 1,000 troops of artillery, infantry and engineer units were quartered in the Krampnitz Kavallerieschule, according to local residents. Caterpillar tractor-drawn 172-mm guns were allegedly with the guns. (1)
3. About 300 men were in the Babelsberg officer academy between 10 and 20 May 1950. Part of the radio installation previously reported was still standing there. (2)
4. A 50-meter-long cantonment building had been newly constructed near the officer academy, in the area between Katzbachstrasse and Gartenstrasse. One hundred and fifty troops of all branches of service except the air force were quartered in the new building.
5. Four guns of about 150 mm caliber, with the barrels pointing toward Berlin, were emplaced in the area between the athletic field and Stahnsdorferstrasse on 16 May 1950. About 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and two tents were with the guns.
6. Soviet officers moved into the former civil servants' settlement in Nauener Vorstadt. The settlement is hemmed in by Messestrasse, Kapellenbergstrasse and Pfingstberg and is surrounded by a 2-meter board fence. Each of the 54 apartments in three houses was occupied by colonels with their adjutants, usually a senior lieutenant or a captain. Eighty-four other apartments in five houses were occupied by officers ranking from lieutenant up to and including colonel. The officers wore tank, artillery, infantry, engineer, air force and medical-service insignia. Dependents were not seen in the settlement. A sentry stood at the entrance to Messestrasse. (3)

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7. A train was at the Potsdam railroad station at 1 p.m. on 16 May 1950. It carried troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and motor transport insignia. Many of them wore decorations. There were thirteen 76.2-mm guns, 1 field kitchen, several passenger cars and 18 trucks on the train.

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Comments.

- (1) The information agrees with previous reports stating that GHQ units of the GOFG, including elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div, are stationed in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne. [redacted] in the and component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div, [redacted] in the Kavallerieschule, Krampnitz. The observation of caterpillar tractor-drawn large-caliber guns in the Kavallerieschule is doubted because guns of more than 122-mm caliber are standard equipment of only GHQ artillery units. The information does not mention the previously reported transfer to troop training grounds of some Potsdam units.
- (2) The officer academy is located on Fritz Zubeilstrasse, formerly Husarenstrasse, corner of Ernst Thaelmannstrasse, formerly Gross-Beerenstrasse, in the southern section of Babelsberg, according to a previous report by [redacted] Training courses for officers of the Potsdam military post are probably conducted there.
- (3) The civil servants' houses, which were converted into Soviet officers' billets, are located south of Pfingstberge and east of the northern section of Fushkinstrasse, formerly Kapellenbergstrasse.
- (4) The train carried elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GOFG, according to the motor vehicle numbers reported. A previous report stating that elements of this division allegedly went to the Altengrabow troop training grounds in late March and early April 1950 has not been confirmed.

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